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Spokane nurse suspended indefinitely; did not respond to earlier charges

Substance abuse and criminal charges the reasons for suspension

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission and the Washington State Department of Health have indefinitely suspended the license of Spokane registered nurse Jerriann Pomerinke (RN.00112563). The suspension is due to substance abuse and criminal convictions.

The commission originally suspended Pomerinke's nursing license on September 7, 2011. She did not respond to the charges or request a hearing within 20 days as required, so the commission has ordered that her license be indefinitely suspended.

Legal documents in this case are available by calling 360-236-4700 or online by clicking the link to "Provider Credential Search" on the [agency home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission protects public health and safety in Washington. The commission uses standards of practice to license and discipline nurses.

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